

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 2710 - SB 3523

February 29, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Creates the “Tennessee Election Day Registration Act” to permit an eligible voter to register and vote on Election Day. Requires individuals to provide proof of residence by showing items such as a Tennessee driver license or identification card issued by the Department of Safety, a lease or utility bill along with a government issued photo ID card, or a student identification card from a postsecondary educational institution in Tennessee accompanied by a current student fee statement.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Increase State Expenditures - \$172,600/FY15-16

**Increase Local Expenditures - \$345,100/FY12-13
\$172,600/FY13-14
\$345,100/FY14-15***

Assumptions:

- According to the State Coordinator of Elections, permitting voters to register to vote and to cast a ballot on Election Day will necessitate the hiring of additional poll workers.
- In order to handle the additional paperwork (completing a voter registration form, verification of identification of voter, verification that voter has not already voted in another county, entering voter data into the system database, and allowing the voter to cast a ballot), it is estimated that an average of one additional poll worker will be required to work in each precinct on Election Day.
- Larger precincts could require more than one additional poll worker and some smaller precincts may not require additional assistance.
- The average compensation of a poll worker is \$80 per day.
- According to the Coordinator of Elections, there are 2,157 polling locations statewide (as of 01/20/12) x \$80 for an additional election official per polling location resulting in a total of \$172,560 per Election Day.
- In FY12-13 and FY14-15 the increase in local expenditures will be \$345,120 each year. This is based on the cost of \$172,560 per election for two elections (August and November) in each of these years.

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- In FY13-14, since there is one election, the increase in local expenditures for the May county primary will be \$172,560.
- In FY15-16, since the only election held will be the Presidential Preference Primary, the increase in state expenditures will be \$172,560. The county primary will be held with the Presidential Preference Primary; therefore, the state will pay for holding this election.

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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